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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 725
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Cecil Glen Ray of Selmer.

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee General Assembly and the residents of Selmer were deeply saddened to learn of the death of one of their most highly regarded citizens, Cecil Glen Ray; and

WHEREAS, born February 14, 1916, Mr. Ray was the son of Leedy A. and Ammons Ray; his ancestors first moved to Selmar in the ealy 1800s; and

WHEREAS, he attended school in Selmer, and after the ninth grade went to work for his father to support the family; and

WHEREAS, like his father, Mr. Ray was a dedicated farmer and carpenter in his early years, and his passion for the soil and woodworking remained an integral part of his life; and

WHEREAS, after his marriage to Oma Dee Gardner on July 10, 1938, he farmed full-time for a few years before working for the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray worked for the Brown Shoe Company for thirty years during which time he was promoted to senior electrician for the plant; and

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WHEREAS, he was highly praised for his strong work ethic, expertise, and exemplary company loyalty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray was an active member of the Lakeview Baptist Church and had served admirably as an Assistant Boy Scout Master and Boy Scout Master in Selmer for four productive years. He also earned the coveted Eagle Scout designation, the Gold Palm, and the prestigious Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Cecil will be deeply missed by his beloved wife; their three children, Jean Towater of Jackson; Jerry Ray of Bartlett; and Shirley Stopher of Henderson; he was the grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of six; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially honor this distinguished citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Cecil Glen Ray, reflecting on his life as a diligent and dedicated worker and family man. We express our deepest condolences to his widow, family, and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.